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Working the register for the last time, Coleman helps customers with groceries.

'End of an Era' in Midway As Coleman's Closes Doors

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MIDWAY — He didn't charge interest for a year, he let customers charge their groceries and he was open 10 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

But Monday, Pete Coleman closed shop, ending an era that stretched from 1904.

"All the people over here are broken-hearted," says Mae C. Jones as she snapped a picture of her husband standing in front of the building.

"He autographed a bottle of mustard for me last night," she says.

Some may not be as sentimental as Mrs. Jones, but almost everyone in Midway will be affected by the store's closing. It's one of only two stores in town and the only one open on Sundays.

Coleman notes he has been at the store all but three of the Sundays during the past 39 years.

This past Sunday, his final full day of business, he attracted an estimated 500 customers, some driving through Provo Canyon from Utah County just to say goodbye.

"It's kind of the end of an era in Midway," Coleman admits. "It's either got to be a convenience store or a supermarket. Times change and maybe we couldn't change with them, but we had a good offer to sell."



Pete Coleman

small gasoline outlet for about 12 years. Now, he will put in a larger convenience store/gasoline station.

Coleman will retire, somewhat.

"I've still got my job as county commissioner," he says. "I'll spend more time with that and I'm going to run for election again (in November)."

Coleman has been on the Wasatch County Commission for about eight years. His father, Guy Coleman, was on the commission for about 30 years and his grandfather, Henry, also served on the county commission.

It was Henry who first build the Coleman store, complete with a soda bar and home-made ice cream, in 1904. It was first called Midway Confectionery & Drug Store. Guy took over in 1910 and ran it until 1913, when he left to teach in Tabiona.

One of Pete's uncles ran the shop until 1917, when Guy returned. The Van Wagoner brothers operated a meat market/grocery store/gasoline station next door until about 1930, when Guy bought them out. It was then that Coleman's became more of a grocery store.

A theater was open from about 1915-1955. A billiards hall was open at Coleman's from 1917-1959.

In 1947, Pete took over managing the shop, although his dad continued to own it. It was 1970 before Guy gave the shop to Pete.

Pete started selling appliances in 1963. "We gave them interest-free for a year, but that didn't always work out," he admits. Still, he often let go those hard up for cash.

Coleman's also offered sporting goods and general goods. One customer joked that there was at least one of everything made somewhere in the store.

"I grew up with the business and I've worked here since I was 10 years old," Coleman says. "I've enjoyed the associations with people, but there comes a time when there's changes and maybe a guy my age can't change with it."

A customer slips through the door as Coleman speaks. "You got any smokes," he asks.

There are Lark, Salem, Camel and Viceroy cigarettes still in the rack, but Coleman tells him he's all sold out. He knows his customers. He knows the customer wanted Pall Malls.

was a member of the groups, and said it obtained documents in Vienna showing he was attached to a German army command in World War II which fought brutal campaigns against Yugoslav partisans and which deported Greek Jews.

Waldheim is campaigning for the Austrian presidency and is considered a front-runner with the elections two months away.

The newsweekly Profil quoted Waldheim as categorically denying ever belonging to either Nazi organization. A spokesman for Waldheim, Gerold Christian, also denied the report, but told The Associated Press that Waldheim was a German army officer in the Balkans in World War II. He said Waldheim was a translator and was not involved in any atrocities.

The New York Times today quoted Waldheim as saying in an interview Sunday that he rode horses with a Nazi student group "to have some protection" at school from Nazi persecution.

He was quoted as saying he did not realize he had been enrolled in the S.A., or Sturmabteilung, Hitler's brown-shirted security troops. The S.A. later was eclipsed by the S.S., or Schutzstaffel, as Hitler's secret police.

The Times quoted Waldheim, the U.N. secretary-general from 1972-82, as saying he did not consider himself a member of either group.

President Edgar M. Bronfman of the World



Kurt Waldheim, former U.N. secretary general, has been accused of Nazi war crimes.

Jewish Congress issued a statement in New York charging Waldheim with "one of the most elaborate deceptions of our time." He said it was "inconceivable that Waldheim would have been elected U.N. secretary-general had the facts been known."

Profil published Monday what it said was a photo of a recently declassified document identifying Waldheim as a member of the S.A. and the student group. The magazine said that under Austrian law, Waldheim's military records had been locked up until Feb. 21.

Swedes Think Assassination Of Palme Was Conspiracy

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) — A newspaper reported today that Prime Minister Olof Palme was stalked by three men just before he was slain, lending weight to a psychiatrist's theory that he was killed by a professional assassin with at least one accomplice.

Another newspaper, Aftonbladet, said a lawyer's office received a call from a German speaker claiming Palme, 59, was killed by a cell of the West German Red Army Faction. It was the third such claim.

Expressen, the largest selling newspaper in Sweden, today quoted a witness who told police that three men appeared to be shadowing Palme as he walked down a street with his wife Friday eve-

ning, minutes before being gunned down.

Police would not confirm the report but promised to end a 24-hour news blackout at a news conference later today. They have faced increasing criticism for their lack of progress in the 4-day-old investigation.

Aftonbladet said a caller told an answering machine at a lawyer's office that the assassination was the work of the Commando Christian Klar unit of the Red Army Faction. Klar, for whom the unit is named, is serving five life sentences in West Germany for murder.

The call, which was discovered Monday morning, may have been intended for the West German Em-

bassy, whose telephone number differs in only one digit.

A Swedish diplomat in Bonn, West Germany, received the first telephoned claim of Red Army Faction responsibility just three hours after Palme was killed, the Foreign Ministry said. Another claim was telephoned to a new agency in London.

But although the terrorist group made death threats against Palme about 10 years ago, West German officials said they doubted the band, also known as the Baader-Meinhof gang, was involved.

However Professor Nils Bejerot, a psychiatrist and veteran police consultant, theorized the killer had at least one accomplice and may have been part of a group.

Geneva Arms Talks End First Year

GENEVA, Switzerland (UPI) — U.S. and Soviet negotiators today ended the latest round — and the first year — of the new arms talks without any breakthrough on reducing nuclear arsenals.

They agreed to resume talks on May 8, meaning a break of nine weeks — the longest recess since talks first began on March 12 last year.

Soviet delegation leader Viktor Karpov blamed the United States for the lack of concrete progress.

"We cannot boast of any achieve-

ments but that is not our fault," Karpov told reporters after a concluding plenary meeting. "We hoped for a cooperative U.S. spirit but unfortunately we didn't have it."

U.S. chief delegate Max Kampelman said, however, that "there was some progress" but that the talks had been "slow."

The Soviet negotiator dismissed President Reagan's proposal, made one week before the latest round ended, for the elimination of all U.S. and Soviet medium-range nu-

clear missiles.

"It is an old proposal and we heard about it first in 1981 and 1982," Karpov said. "The proposal is not acceptable as a solution."

Karpov avoided a direct answer when asked if he believes there will be a new summit meeting this year without major progress on arms reductions.

"My preference would be that there is some agreement on arm control, on the main issues of arm control, at the summit, maybe even before," he replied.

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